

**CALLED MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE**

November 6, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

The East Ridge City Council met pursuant to notice on November 6, 2014, 6:30 pm at East Ridge City Hall for a special called meeting. Mayor Lambert called the meeting and all councilmember's were given notice of the call.

Mayor Lambert called the meeting to order. The Mayor explained that all Councilmember's could not be present for the regular November 13, 2014 meeting, so he called this meeting for the purpose of considering the agenda items that were scheduled for the November 13th regular meeting.

Criminal Court Clerk Vince Dean gave the invocation. All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Present were: Mayor Lambert, Vice Mayor Bethune, Councilmember Gravitt, Councilmember Manning, Councilmember Sewell, City Manager Hyatt, City Attorney North, and City Recorder Middleton.

Consent Agenda:

- A. Approval of Minutes October 23, 2014 Agenda Work Session
- B. Approval of Minutes October 23, 2014 Council Meeting

Vice Mayor Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gravitt, to approve the consent agenda. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved

Communication from Citizens: None

Communication from Councilmembers:

Councilmember Manning stated he appreciates all who serve on the Council and also Vince Dean for serving as Criminal Court Clerk.

Vice Mayor Bethune thanked his supporters in the recent election. He congratulated Councilmember Sewell, Councilmember-elect Jacky Cagle, and Mayor Lambert for their victories. He stated the City needs to move forward and stay positive in order to grow.

Councilmember Sewell thanked the citizens for giving him the opportunity to serve four more years. He stated that big things are happening in East Ridge and there will be more improvements. He stated he has enjoyed working with Mr. Bethune and hopes he stays involved.

Councilmember Gravitt thanked everyone for their votes in the state representative election. He stated it has been a privilege working with Mr. Bethune and is looking forward to working with Mr. Cagle.

Mayor Lambert stated he is very appreciative of all his support and grateful for everyone that offered to serve in an elected position. He congratulated Mr. Cagle, Mr. Sewell and Mr. Gravitt for their wins. He also stated he appreciates his opponents in the election; they do not always agree, but they also want what is best for East Ridge.

Mayor Lambert announced the American Legion barbecue will be November 7th and 8th, and the Veteran's Day Ceremony will be November 11th to dedicate the new Vietnam Veteran's Memorial.

Communication from City Manager:

City Manager Hyatt also announced the Veteran's Day Ceremony will be on November 11th and the Christmas Parade will be on November 22nd.

Mr. Hyatt stated he also plans to attend the Governor's Economic meeting on November 13th in Nashville and the Prima Conference in Nashville the following week, if Council has no objections.

City Treasurer Jablonski stated that he usually presents financials on the first meeting of each month, but since this meeting is early in the month, he will post the report to the website and give copies to the Council.

City Attorney North congratulated the Charter study committee for all the hard work they did on the charter changes. He stated that all the amendments passed in the election.

Mayor Lambert stated the following items will be removed from the agenda.

- Item B – Resolution to approve agreement to purchase property for Fire Station
- Item F - Discussion/Take Action on Base Tax Revenues Under the Border Region Retail Tourism Development District Act
- Item I - Discussion of Police Department

Old Business:

ORDINANCE NO. 980 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 971 ENTITLED “AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE REVENUE FOR THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015 APPROPRIATING THE SAME TO THE PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT...” BY CHANGING REVENUES AND OR DESIGNATING FUND BALANCE OF THE GENERAL FUND, STATE STREET AID FUND, GRANT FUND, DRUG FUND AND CHANGING THE EXPENDITURES FOR THE GENERAL FUND, STATE STREET AID FUND, GRANT FUND, DRUG FUND AND CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Bethune, to approve Ordinance No. 980 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

ORDINANCE NO. 981 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE TO AMEND EAST RIDGE ZONING ORDINANCE #481 (2nd and final reading) – City Attorney North read on caption. Mr. North stated this amendment brings the zoning ordinance current since the East Ridge Planning Commission was established and cleans up certain language such as “East Ridge City Council” rather than “East Ridge City Commission.” Vice Mayor Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Ordinance No. 981 on second and final reading. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Councilmember Gravitt asked for a list of all boards by the next Council meeting, in order for Council to make new appointments if they wish.

New Business:

RESOLUTION NO 2442 – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, HONORING THE LIFE OF LUTHER MASINGILL, 1922 – 2014 – Mayor Lambert read the resolution in its entirety. Councilmember Manning made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Sewell to approve Resolution No. 2442. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved. Mr. North suggested presenting a copy to Mr. Masingill’s widow. Mr. Hyatt stated he would see that is taken care of.

RESOLUTION NO 2443 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2015 TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S 2014 MULTIMODAL ACCESS GRANT – City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2442. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO 2444 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AWARDING THE CLEAN ENERGY GRANT ENERGY MONITORING SYSTEM FOR THE HVAC UNITS FOR CAMP JORDAN ARENA – City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2444. Director Martin stated the City is responsible for a 50% match for this grant. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION NO 2445 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 2015 TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION’S SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT – City Attorney North read on caption. Councilmember Sewell made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Manning, to approve Resolution No. 2445. Councilmember Gravitt asked if this is a 100% grant with no match from the City. Mr. Hyatt stated that it is. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion/Take Action on Integrating the City Court’s Computer System with Hamilton County’s System – Judge Helton – The Judge explained that the Local Government software which the court currently uses is antiquated and does not meet the needs of the court. The City currently pays \$5,000 per year for Local Government software. Under the new agreement, if approved, Hamilton County could write new software that would integrate with the county court

system but would be tailored for our needs. Fines could also be paid online. Currently the judge has no way of knowing if a defendant has any prior arrests or convictions in other court systems. The new software would give the judge and the clerks the ability to see information on defendants from other court systems and vice versa. The cost of the software is a one-time cost of \$25,000, which can be paid on a monthly basis over the next several months. There will be an annual fee of \$250. The County will retrieve the data on the current system and load it in the new system, plus they will train the clerks. There could possibly have to be some hardware upgrades, but nothing major. The Judge stated the system will pay for itself within five years. Staff has prepared a resolution for this item as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2446 - A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST RIDGE, TENNESSEE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ATTACHED INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT WITH HAMILTON COUNTY TO SHARE SOFTWARE AND INFORMATION IN THE HAMILTON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE INFORMATION AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – City Attorney North read on caption. Vice Mayor Bethune made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Gravitt, to approve purchasing the software. Councilmember Sewell asked where the money would come from to pay for the software. Judge Helton stated court collections are up for September and October by approximately \$20,000 compared to the same time last year, which would pay for most of the software. The vote was unanimous. Motion approved.

Discussion/Take Action to Cancel the November 13, 2014 Regular Council Meeting – Mr. Hyatt mentioned earlier that he would be attending the Governor's Economic Conference in Nashville on November 13th. Councilmember Gravitt stated he would not be at the November 13th Council meeting. Councilmember Gravitt made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Bethune, to approve cancelling the November 13, 2014 council meeting. Roll call vote: Vice Mayor Bethune – no; Councilmember Gravitt – yes; Councilmember Manning – yes; Councilmember Sewell – yes; Mayor Lambert – yes. Motion approved.

Mayor Lambert reminded everyone of the following events:

- Christmas Nights of Lights at Camp Jordan starts Nov. 15th
- Christmas Nights of Lights Concert on November 21st at 7 pm. Bring an unwrapped toy to benefit the East Ridge Needy Child Fund.
- Oath of Office Ceremony on December 8th at 6:30 pm
- TSNS Coin Show this weekend at Camp Jordan Arena
- 200 team tournament at Camp Jordan this weekend
- Veteran's Memorial Dedication Ceremony, Tuesday, November 11th, 11:00 am
- Christmas Parade, Saturday, November 22, 2014, 6:30 pm
- And Happy Thanksgiving

Vice Mayor Bethune recognized Don Hill and Thomas Lambert who are Vietnam veterans.

Mayor Lambert stated that the Vietnam veterans are probably the most underappreciated veterans ever and deserve better. He thanked Elaine Taylor for bringing this idea of the memorial before Council.

The meeting was adjourned.